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In re Application of:

James E. Sclater et al.

Serial No.: 09/928,440

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
AUTOMATIC GAIN AND SLOPE
EQUALIZATION PROVISIONING OF
TELEPHONE TRANSMISSION LINES

Group Art Unit: 2642

Examiner: Not Assigned

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby transmit copies of the documents listed in the attached Form PTO-1449, which may be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified application.

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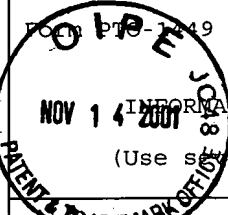
Respectfully submitted,

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